

Commissioner Minutes of September 22, 2015

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was given. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to proceed with the consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund – \$206,707.31. Unallocated has a balance of \$28,134.51. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$234,841.82. An advance of \$400,000 has been made from the Unallocated Fund, and \$300,000 from the 280 fund, to the General fund for payment of bills.*

Judge Marcy Klaus came before the Board with a **Proclamation for Conflict Resolution Day** and introduced Jane O'Dell and John Stark from the Michigan Community Dispute Resolution Program Center. Judge Klaus explained the purpose of the program, noting benefits to those who need mediation services after pretrial and before formal mediation with the Courts. Discussion. Judge Klaus stated that she is very pleased with this center and their "win win solutions". The resolution, as prepared by Judge Klaus, was read by the Clerk. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to adopt the resolution as prepared.* Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters –yes, Aultman – yes, Smith –yes, Birgel – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2015-025 declared adopted.**

Public Comments: *none at this time.*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. John Blades has provided the Board with a quote for the **removal of four trees from the lawn of the Courthouse in the amount of \$2,550.00.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the quote for the tree removal as provided for within the quote. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
2. DARE provided the County \$600.00 for the operation of phones for the Court Officers. The Officers no longer use the phone and the contract has been terminated. There is a balance left of the donated funds, after final expenses, of \$138.38. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to return the left over funds to the DARE program. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
3. The **EVIP documents** have been signed by the Chairman. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to submit the documents to Treasury and to place the documents on the County's website as required. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
4. Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, has requested the **establishment of a revenue line item for the purpose of FOC Medical Incentive payments.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Treasurer to create line item 101-000-519.000 once approved. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
5. The Treasurer would like the Board to send communication to the Department Heads on the submission of Grant paperwork for reimbursement of funds. The Treasurer would respectfully request that a **copy of each grant submission be given to the Treasurer so that she can better identify payments that are received.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Secretary to draft a letter as discussed. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
6. The **291 and 292 funds are in need of additional appropriations** in order to pay bills. After much discussion in the Finance committee, a motion is needed to allow the Treasurer to appropriate up to

\$25,000 in each fund, as needed, for payments. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the additional appropriations to be transferred as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

7. Sarah Gordert, Prosecutor's Office, would like to **donate her unused vacation time of 27.5 hours and 4 unused personal hours** to a fellow employee who is going through medical treatments. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to authorize the Clerk to adjust the leave balances for both employees as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Commissioner Smith commented on the generosity of the employees for stepping up in these instances.
8. The Marine Grant is coming to a close on September 30, 2015. All invoices must be paid by check by the 30th to be eligible for reimbursement. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to pay the Marine expenses as submitted for grant reimbursement. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
9. The Board then discussed the fund balance within the **EMS millage fund**, noting a balance of \$2.2 million. Currently, the fund only spends approximately \$650,000 per year. After discussion with John Shaffer with EMS, the Board would like to lessen the taxable assessment to .5 mill for 2016 only with the matter to be revisited each year. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to reduce the levy on the EMS millage to .5 mill for the 2015/16 winter tax bill and to adjust the L-4029. Roll call vote as follows: Walters -yes, Aultman -yes, Smith - yes, Birgel -yes, Hinman -yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On the Rail Trail meeting at Gladwin City Hall.
- On participating in the budget meeting on September 11th.
- On attending the Human Services meeting on the 15th.
- That he went to the Land Bank meeting on the 16th.
- That he went to both the Clement and Butman Township meetings, noting both Townships are doing well.
- On attending the Sherman Township meeting on the 15th.
- On the Gladwin Township meeting on the 16th.
- That he has spoken to each of his Townships on the EMS millage rate reduction, noting that they are fine with it.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she would like to thanks Commissioners Hinman and Birgel for filling in for her while she was away.
- On attending the EOC meeting.
- That she had a great time at "Friendship", noting her husband gave a speech and was inducted into the Muzzleloader Association Black Powder Hall of Fame.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the CMDHD Finance and Personnel meetings.
- That he attended the Airport meeting.
- On attending the Grout Township meeting.
- That he went to the Beaverton Township meeting.
- On attending the Hay Township meeting.
- On the Beaverton City meeting, commenting that the meeting was lengthily but most issues are being resolved. Laura Flach will be handling Election Day issues for the City.
- On the Republican Party Steak Fry at Darlene Conner's home.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- On attending the EDC meeting on September 9th.
- That she went to the Wixom Lake Association meeting on the 9th, commenting that they are done with treatments.
- On the Airport meeting where it was stated that “Thunder on the Strip” was a success and that the Fly In will be October 3rd at 9:00 a.m.
- That she attended the Bentley and Billings Township meetings.
- On the Secord Township meeting on September 16th.
- That she attended the Republican Waste Open House on the 16th.
- There will be a ride along with the Road Commission tomorrow.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he attended the Jail Diversion Services meeting on September 18th at Mental Health where they held discussion on the increase of involuntary commitments. Discussion.
- On the Veterans meeting on the 8th regarding discussion on the millage assessment, noting another meeting will be held to finalize their findings.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting on September 8th.
- That he went to the Lake Improvement Board meeting on September 16th for Contos, Wiggins and Pratt Lakes.
- On meeting with John Shaffer on the reduction of the EMS millage rate.
- That he attended the EOC meeting on the 17th.
- On missing the Gladwin City meeting last night, due to prior commitments.
- That the Boyce Hydro resolution will be tabled to gain the support of the Townships. The resolution will be brought back for Board consideration at a later date.

Chairman Walters stated that he attended the 100th birthday party celebration for Cecil Redman last Saturday and that his official 100th birthday is today. Discussion. *Motion by Chairman Walters, supported by Commissioner Smith, to make today, September 22, 2015, Cecil Redman Day. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments –

Sheriff Mike Shea spoke on response times to complaints and the difficulties of handling multiple complaints on various ends of the County with the limited staffing he has. Discussion. Commissioner Smith commended the Sheriff’s Deputies and stated she was proud of their service.

Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to receive and file various correspondence and reports. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman